

State	No. of licensed Blood Banks
Manipur	3 7
Mizoram	
Nagaland	1 48
Orissa	
Pondicherry	7
Punjab	50
Rajasthan	49
Sikkim	1
Tamilnadu	164
Tripura Uttar Pradesh	5 128
West Bengal	87
TOTAL	1455

Neglect of Ayurvedic doctors

2241. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item, "Neglect of Indian medicine resented; step-motherly treatment being meted out to Ayurvedic doctors, claims APADA President", appearing in the Deccan Chronicle dated 8th July, 2000;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to address the problems faced by the doctors of Indian Systems of Medical treatment as highlighted in the aforesaid news-item?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Central Government has already taken steps to develop Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy through a variety of measures covering the areas of education, clinical research and undertaking collaborative programmes using ISM and H practitioners to advantage.

The Government of Andhra Pradesh has informed that they have recently recruited 106 medical officers under ISM and H. They also propose to fill up vacancies that would be caused by promotion of doctors to senior levels. They have further informed that they are taking necessary steps to elevate the status of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy on par with the Allopathic system.

Selling Kidneys by Farmers

† 2242. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that recently farmers have sold out their kidneys in various hospitals of Delhi and Chennai at the rate of Rs. 40 to 50 thousand per kidney, in order to get rid of their financial crisis;
- (b) if so, whether Government have investigated or constituted any inquiry Committee to find out the facts of this episode;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, what concrete action is proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (d) No, Sir. Do not arise.

Review of Tuberculosis eradication programme

2243. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the present Government have made any review of the Tuberculosis eradication programme, with the assistance of International agencies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government would review the functioning of the

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.